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1. At low or neap tides it is possible to walk between Sonjae-do (126-30, 37-14) and Taebu-do (126-36, 37-14), and between Taebu-do and the mainland. One such tide occurred on 2 September.
2. North Korean troops on Taebu-do consist of one company with a possible strength of 180 men. At night members of this company, often as many as 100, move to Sonjae-do where there are prepared positions on high ground. On the nights of 28-31 August there were attempts made to land small parties of troops on Yonghung-do (126-28, 37-16), but these failed because of weather, the presence of patrol craft, or other reasons. Attempts were also made to send intelligence agents to Yonghung-do to determine the strength of ROK troops. On Taebu-do 1,000 young men were collected as security patrols. Seven men on Taebu-do volunteered for the North Korean army, bringing their own rifles. The troops were armed with M-1 rifles.

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